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# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### HOMEOWNERS TO RECEIVE TAX REFUND APPLICATION

Big Horn County News (0824/07)

Big Horn County homeowners expecting to reap the benefits of the property tax refund passed this year should expect an application for their money soon.

The Governor's office announced Tuesday the application for the \$400 property tax refund will be mailed this Friday. Applications must be returned by Dec. 31 to receive a refund.

### PRAISE ON PARADE AT CROW FAIR

By DANIEL PERSON, Big Horn County News (08/24/07)



Photo by Wes Eben  
Hundreds of people braved an unrelenting morning sun to watch the Crow Fair parade Sunday morning. In traditional dress, American Indians wound their way through the "Teepee Capitol of The World," many singing or speaking praise for their relatives, while others threw bubble gum and hard candy to the crowd.

Beneath a Sunday morning sun so hot people sought shade wherever they could find it, people from around the world gathered again to witness the parade of Crow fair, where the Crow's traditions, touched by modernity, were

on full display.

Mary Little Light rode proudly on her horse in a dress dotted with elk teeth. Over her lap was a blanket given to her by her husband's sisters.

"To be given a gift by in-laws is an honor," she said, and as she rode in the parade, a crier announced to the crowd in Crow the gift she had been given.

In all, many praises were sung and spoken during the parade. From horses and from Chevy 1500s draped in robes, graduations and military enlistments were announced to the crowd.

### COUNCIL APPROVES CONTRACT FOR HARDIN INDUSTRIAL PARK PHASE II CONSTRUCTION

By JIM ESHLEMAN, Big Horn County News (08/24/07)

Council members Tuesday night approved a \$1.6 million contract from Copp Construction of Billings to begin Phase II of the water and sewer line installation for Hardin's Industrial Park.

This contract will pave the way to connecting the water and sewer lines placed under Phase I into the water and sewer lines of the existing grid. This portion of the construction will begin in the fall. "Construction on Phase I continues but, [we are] dealing with delays caused by the dirt contractor and heavy

spring rains," said Public Works Superintendent Larry Vandersloot.

### **CROW TRIBAL POLICE AWARDED OVER \$300K FROM DEPT. OF JUSTICE**

Big Horn County News (08/24/07)

The Crow Indian police force received a grant for nearly \$400,000 from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the department announced Friday.

Montana tribes received \$1.2 million total from COPS as part of \$14.7 million nation-wide grant program for American Indian police forces.

The announcement stated the funds "are intended to support tribal law enforcement efforts to reduce crime and disorder, and to enhance the services that they provide."

### **MSUB HIRES LEADER FOR NEW PROGRAM**

By CYNTHIA REYNAUD, Gazette Staff (08/24/07)



Photo DAVID GRUBBS/Gazette Staff  
Reno Charette is coordinator of Montana State University Billings' Native American Programs. She plans to create a Native American Studies major at the school and recruit more American Indian students.

For more than two years, Reno Charette taught politicians in Helena about her culture.

Now the former coordinator for Indian Affairs has returned to school in Billings.

In July, Charette was named the coordinator of Native American Programs of Montana State University Billings. She has already made big plans for the university's new program.

Charette will teach part time so she can focus on working on

grants and proposals to expand the program and install better recruitment and retention tactics.

### **BOARD DENIES FREEDOM FOR BEACH**

By The Associated Press (Billings Gazette 08/24/07)

HELENA - The state Board of Pardons and Parole on Thursday rejected convicted murderer Barry Beach's claim of innocence and his request to be set free.

Board members declined to recommend commutation or an executive pardon. Beach, 45, will continue serving his 100-year sentence for the 1979 killing of a Poplar teenager.

### **TRIBES CONTINUE WORK ON BISON RANGE AGREEMENT**

Char-Koosta News (08/24/07)

PABLO — Tribal officials continue to work with the Department of Interior and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on an agreement that would allow the Tribes to return to the National Bison Range (NBR).

However, progress on reaching an agreement has been slow and last week Tribal bison range employees were notified that after Sept 30 they cannot be guaranteed employment.

### **SALISH KOOTENAI COLLEGE EVOLVES TO MEET THE 21ST CENTURY**

*Expansion of dorms, gymnasium and more signals SKC's growth in Indian Country*

By ALYSSA KELLY, Char-Koosta News (08/24/07)



Photo ALYSSA KELLY  
SKC's new gymnasium is slated to be ready by next year; here, the face is taking shape.

PABLO — "It's important for the Indian youth and our tribe to have their own college. It allows our people to be forward reaching leaders. Education will be the strength of our people in the 21st century," says SKC President, Joe McDonald.

## **BLACK CAT FIRE FLANKS HIGHWAY 93, I-90**

By MAGGIE PLUMMER, Char-Koosta News (08/24/07)

This week, wildfires continued their steady advances through western Montana's forests and sometimes grasslands, causing numerous evacuations, highway closures or delays, and unhealthy air.

A new blaze - the lightning-caused Black Cat Fire - exploded near Frenchtown last Tuesday afternoon and made alarming runs into the Frenchtown and Evaro Hill areas. At press time this week, the wildfire flanked both highway 93 and Interstate 90, was estimated at 11,515 acres, and was 30 percent contained.

## **'SEASONS OF THE WILD ROSE' SETS THE THEME FOR 2007 HARVEST MOON BALL**

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter Editor (08/22/07)

"Seasons of the Wild Rose" is the theme for the 2007 Harvest Moon Ball, set for Saturday, Sept. 29, at the East Glacier Park Lodge.

"We wanted something different, and we haven't had a plant theme," Moxsona said.

"The seasons of the rose encompass

everything. It's dedicated to Wanda Rose Jimenez who was a volunteer. For years she worked with us," she said of the former Native American Bank employee who was killed in a vehicle accident April 29.



Howard Pepion is this year's featured artist at the Blackfeet Community Foundation's 2007 Harvest Moon Ball which is set for Sept. 29 at the East Glacier Park Lodge. The painting, called "Picking of the Wild Rose Berry," symbolizes this year's theme, "Seasons of the Wild Rose."

## **EIGHTY PARTICIPANTS TRAINED IN CAREER DEVELOPMENT THROUGH BLACKFEET HOUSING AND MANPOWER AT BCC**

Glacier Reporter (08/22/07)

Blackfeet Housing and Blackfeet Manpower collaborated in training 80 community residents in "Career Development -

Building a Portfolio." The two-day training was held Aug. 14-15, on Blackfeet Community College campus.

The goal of the training was to prepare participants for the job market by completing career training and developing a job



Photo by John McGill

Some, but not all, of the 80 participants in the career development RHED training held at Blackfeet Community College last week are seen in this picture.

portfolio. Basic computer skills were included such as turning on the computer and shutting it down, using the mouse, surfing the web, establishing an email address, and formatting a cover letter and resume for an interview and job offer.

## **CAFERRO ELIMINATED FROM OLYMPIC TRIALS**

By IR STAFF - 08/23/07

HOUSTON — Helena boxer Duran Caferro Jr.'s shot at the 2008 Olympics came to an end Thursday.

Once again the featherweight fighter was stopped by Rico Ramos on a national stage, dropping the loser-out match 16-8 at the Olympic Boxing Trials.

Ramos had defeated Caferro Jr. in last year's Police Athletic League tournament, but Caferro's father and trainer, Duran Caferro Sr., said it was a different bout this time around.

"It was pretty decisive for Rico Ramos (the first time)," Caferro Sr. said. "(This time) it was a close fight. I honestly say it could have gone either way."

## SISTER STUDY SEEKS MORE NATIVE WOMEN

By SHANNON BURNS, Indian Country Today (08/22/07)

DURHAM, N.C. - With just a few months left in their recruitment period, officials behind the Sister Study - a national research project studying sisters of women who've had breast cancer - hope to have 200 more Native women sign up.

The study must have 50,000 women participate; and in order to ensure accurate research results representative of the entire U.S. and Puerto Rican population, organizers hope to have at least 750 American Indian participants. As of August, 565 Native women were enrolled in the study. "Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among Native women, and their five-year survival rate is lower than that of white women," said Sara Williams, the Sister Study's recruitment coordinator in charge of Native recruitment.

## TRIBAL POINT HOUSING PARTNERSHIP TO CLOSE

By Mark Fogerty, Indian Country Today (08/24/07)

MCLEAN, Va. - One casualty of the unexpected closing of Capital One Financial Corp.'s wholesale mortgage company in the wake of the subprime mortgage crisis is its American Indian mortgage program, Tribal POINT Housing Partnership.

A source at the tribal unit of GreenPoint Mortgage confirmed that Tribal POINT has stopped funding loans on tribal homelands and will close along with the entire wholesale unit of GreenPoint, which is owned by Capital One.

According to GreenPoint's Web site, Tribal POINT closed loans to American Indians on trust land through three separate programs: T-POINT Plus, a private mortgage; the Department of Housing and Urban Development's section 184 guaranteed Indian mortgage;

and the Rural Housing Service's loan programs, which are open to Indians.

## **VACANCIES IN THE DEPT. OF ADMINISTRATION:**

**COMPUTER PROGRAMMER (GIS)**, POSITION #61166410, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$48,188 to \$60,235 DOQ. This position performs professional work in planning, developing, negotiating, and administering services for statewide GIS transportation/road centerline/addressing database. **Application deadline: Friday, September 7, 2007 at 5 p.m.** For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMPR\\_ID\\_S EQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=245](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=245)

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**, POSITION #61166253, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$20,053 to \$25,066 DOQ. This position serves as the Administrative Assistant to the Administrator as well as the insurance and loss control staff. **Application deadline: Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 5 p.m.** For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMPR\\_ID\\_S EQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=244](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=244)

**WEB DEVELOPER**, POSITION #61166495, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$48,188 to \$60,235 DOQ. This position is responsible for the development, support and maintenance of eGovernment services. **Application deadline: This position is open until filled, applicants are encouraged to apply by Monday, September 10, 2007 at 5 p.m.** For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMPR\\_ID\\_S EQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=243](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=243)

**MAIL CLERK**, POSITION #61166301, State of Montana, General Services, Helena. Salary \$17,843/per year. This position sorts and loads mail parcels into trucks; delivers mail on a motor route; and receives out-going mail and pre-sorting. Application deadline: 5:00 p.m. Friday September 7, 2007. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMPR\\_ID\\_S EQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=246](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=246)

## **CONFERENCES AND TRAINING SESSIONS:**

**Building Prosperity for Working Families**  
6th Biennial Conference October 1-2, 2007 - Denver, CO  
<http://www.tax-coalition.org/oct2007/index.cfm>

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The conference will include a roundtable discussion of Native practitioner issues.